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Date: July 16, 2008

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Subject: CC Docket No. 02-6
Request a Waiver
Funding Year 2007 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window
Relevant Fund Year: 07/01/07-06/30/08
Billing entity name: South St. Landry Community Library
Form 471 Application Number: 587249
Form Identifier: 471-2007
Billed Entity Number: 146304
Funding Request Number : 1768735

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to appeal the decision to disallow funding due to "Funding Year 2007 Form 471 Postmarked outside of Window Letter". The USAC letter states that my application was postmarked on 02/09/2008 but the date of the postmark was actually 02/09/2007.

This is what happened. I received an email from USAC stating that the Form 471 will close February 7, 2007. (See Attachment 1) I diligently recorded this date on my calendar. However, being relatively new to Erate I got the Form numbers mixed up and thought that the 470 was due on February 7, 2007. When I filed the 470 on 01/12/07 I thought that I was filing it a little less than a month early but quickly realized that I was 2 days late.

I made several attempt to file the 471 on time but each time I went to your on-line form, I would get the message that I had to wait until 02/09/07. I called USAC for help on 2/2/07(Case # 21-53530). I asked for advice on how I could be timely with the 471 and explained that the library is in a rural area and there is only one service provider for basic telephone services and that there was no other company we could get bids from so there was not a need to wait the 28 day waiting requirement. I was told that there was nothing I could do but wait. In desperation I tried on 02/07/2007 knowing it was the last day but your online form would still not allow me to submit it. When I went back online on 02/09/07 to file the Form 471, I was shut out and could not apply on line anymore. I submitted the 471 by mail as instructed to do so by USAC.

In summary, I did desperately try to make every attempt to be timely with the 471 but each time I went on-line I was not allowed to complete the form. I have called several times (Refer to Case # 21-535300) as to how I could appeal this case and they would tell me there was nothing that I could do. Therefore, I am so very grateful that at least now I was given a chance to appeal this case. The South St. Landry Community Library has a very small budget. Our community library is in a poverty area of Louisiana and as such would be reimbursed at the 90% level. I understand that there are rules but I must try to appeal the USAC decision because every dollar counts for us and the loss of this revenue is very serious for us. I would ask that you will be merciful and consider our request to allow funding for our library.

Thanks for your time, help and consideration. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vicki Ann Thibodeaux

Vicki Ann Thibodeaux
Financial Manager
South St. Landry Community Library

Subject: USAC's Schools and Libraries News Brief for this week
From: "SL News Brief" <SLNewsBrief@lists.universalservice.org>
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Schools and Libraries News Brief

October 20, 2006

TIP OF THE WEEK :Applicants – don't wait until the last minute to submit your Form 486 for Funding Year 2006. If your Service Start Date is July 1, 2006 and your FCDL is dated on or before that date, your submission deadline is October 30, 2006.

Funding Year 2007 Filing Window Opens November 14

The Form 471 application filing window for Funding Year 2007 will open at noon EST on Tuesday, **November 14, 2006** and will close at 11:59 pm EST on Wednesday, **February 7, 2007**. The filing window will be open for 86 days.

On October 19, the FCC issued Public Notice FCC 06-158 releasing the FY2007 Eligible Services List. The FCC waived the requirement that the Eligible Services List be published at least 60 days before the commencement of the filing window and authorized USAC to open the window on November 14, 2006.

Note that the FY2007 Eligible Services List has important new information regarding interconnected Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP), redundant components, installation and configuration (training), KVM switches, fees for Universal Service administration, and wireless Internet.

Please review Public Notice FCC 06-158 and the FY2007 Eligible Services List carefully for expanded details. Also, please check the USAC website for further details in the coming weeks.

FCC Approves Priority 2 Commitment for Funding Year 2006

This week, the Federal Communications Commission approved the release of funding for FY2006 Priority 2 (Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections) commitments at the 90% discount level and the denial of FY2006 Priority 2 commitments at 60% and below. In addition, for FY2005, the FCC approved the denial of Priority 2 commitments at the 77%-79% discount level.

Commitments for Funding Years 2006 and 2005

Funding Year 2006. USAC will release FY2006 Wave 27 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) October 24. As of October 20, FY2006 commitments total just over \$992 million for approved Priority 1 requests (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access).

Funding Year 2005. USAC will release FY2005 Wave 61 FCDLs October 23. This wave will include commitments for approved Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance funding requests at 81% and above. As of October 20, FY2005 commitments total just under \$1.85 billion.

USAC will continue to issue weekly funding commitment waves. After noon on the date that the FCDLs are mailed, you can check to see if you have a commitment by using USAC's Automated Search of Commitments tool.

Online BEAR Form Scheduled to be Launched in Mid-November

USAC plans to launch the online version of the BEAR Form (FCC Form 472) in mid-November. Both the applicant and service provider will be able to submit their respective sections of the form online, which will be much faster and easier than paper submission. However, the option to file and certify on paper will continue to be available.

The online BEAR Form is in the final stages of testing and, based on test results, will go live in mid-November. Look for more details in the near future.

FY 2005 Invoicing Deadline

Remember that the invoicing deadline for Funding Year 2005 recurring (monthly) services is Monday, **October 30, 2006**. If you will need additional time to obtain the necessary certifications, please follow the guidance in [Invoice Deadlines and Extension Requests](#) as soon as possible to request an extension.

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2007-2008

June 12, 2008

Vicki Ann Thibodeaux
South St. Landry Community Library
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Sunset, LA 70584

Re: Applicant Name: SOUTH ST. LANDRY COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Billed Entity Number: 146304
Form 471 Application Number: 587249
Funding Request Number(s): 1768735
Your Correspondence Dated: June 07, 2008

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) received your request for a waiver of the Application Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2007 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit USAC to consider requests for waivers. If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your request, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your waiver request to the FCC. If you are submitting your waiver request via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing a waiver request with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

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**FUNDING YEAR 2007 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 21, 2008

VICKI THIBODEAUX
SOUTH ST. LANDRY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
235 MARIE STREET
SUNSET, LA 70584

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: 471-2007
Form 471 Application Number: 587249

Dear VICKI THIBODEAUX:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 02/09/2008, which is AFTER the 2007-2008 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number 587249 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2007 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please